

other women given hospitality. They are thus transferred to homes not yet contaminated by disease, but which, thanks to every lady's draperies, soon become foci for infection.

This spreading of disease and death goes on because women continue to be slaves of hurtful fashions. The long skirt is a relic of those barbarous times when it was considered sinful for women to display beauties of form and attractions of figure. The man who sees sin in the divinest of earthly forms, neatly and modestly attired, is simply not fit to live. The short skirt is fashionable among ladies on rainy days, but is, to a large extent, worn by those whom general conditions of life and health protect from disease germs. The trailing skirt, tho specially ungraceful on rainy days, is not such a faithful collector of germs as on dry days. Rain washes away the germs in the air and on the street.

On bright, clear days, when the short skirt would look its very best, it is not so popular among womankind. Even those who prize it in rainy weather desert it for the trailing costume on sunny days. The Philadelphia Press very popularly suggests that if women could be shown in the laboratory in culture tubes and under the microscope the varied forms of death-dealing germs stirred up and carried about by the trailing skirts, they would be surprised that any woman is permitted to survive.

The human system, under normal conditions, successfully resists disease germs of all kinds, but this is no excuse whatever for spreading them in public, or carrying them to homes free from infection. There are many homes whose inmates are not possessed of sufficient vitality to resist an invasion of disease-bearing germs. Arraigned by the scientific deductions of bacteriologists, the trailing skirt stands convicted of crime against humanity. It should be done away with. No woman on earth knows how to dress herself more neatly, becomingly, and comfortably than the American woman. She always does so when guided by her own judgment and unfailing good taste. She fails when she relies entirely on the judgment and taste of foreigners or yields unquestioning obedience to the Parisian modiste.

Sisters' S. C. E.

From the Field

During my stay with friends at Columbi-ana, Ohio, I had opportunity to visit the North Georgetown congregation. I found the loyal members still faithful in church attendance. The number present in the morning was not large, while the evening service was somewhat better attended. Their S. S. C. E. work having failed in the past, they were not willing to re-organize in the absence of their pastor whose pledged co-operation in the work, they first desired to obtain. Those who know Brother Byers to be an earnest supporter of the Sisters' Chris-

tian Endeavor may look for a speedy organization at his church in North Georgetown. After once visiting a church, it is not difficult for us to effect an organization thru correspondence when the pastor co-operates in the work. Five theological pledges were taken, and the offering was \$1.81.

The first Sunday in July was spent at the Grove, one of the three churches of the Masontown, Pa., congregation. Brother Hazlett preaches here every four weeks and this was his Sunday. The Grove church is four or five miles from Uniontown where a portion of their members live. Some want to hold services in town, others in the country. This, together with other business on hand, gave them little time to consider the claims of the S. S. C. E. For the present I can only report failure, unless the way has been paved for future work. The collection however was \$2.63. A five dollar pledge for the theological fund was also taken by sister Mollie Gans in whose home I was principally entertained. The mountain scenery before their house is beautiful, but to one accustomed to a level country the unbroken mountains in the distant seemed at first only a heavy cloud extending along the horizon.

On the following Tuesday the hospitality of the Sterling home was also enjoyed. Tho the members of their recently organized missionary society decided before my coming, not to adopt the S. S. C. E. constitution, they yet desired me to speak and gave an offering of \$3.75.

Masontown is in the heart of the coal Klondike in southern Fayette County, now considered the greatest coal region in the world. There is certainly an unusual coal boom at present. But it is as Sister Belle said, that with the increase of material progress, there has been a decided decrease of spiritual life and the moral tone of the town has been greatly lowered.

I am now among the West Virginia hills; yet they are more than hills. Terra Alta, as the name partly implies, is the highest point on the Baltimore and Ohio road. It is 3300 feet above sea level. Four miles farther east, and I shall touch the western point of Maryland. Tho it is nearly the middle of July, the atmosphere is remarkably pleasant and bracing.

From where I am sitting I can see the tops of a number of the mountains that surround the town. Their unyielding stability, suggests the Infinite, their towering heads, boldly facing any storm suggests Christ's words, "A city that is set upon a hill cannot be hid." I wonder whether *we* are living on the mountain tops of hope, divine love, holiness and faithfulness, of high purpose and noble effort; or are we in the valley of despair, with our light feebly flickering under the thralldom of sorrow's blighting hand, of selfish desires and worldly thoughts, hiding indeed our talents under a bushel.

The church at this place is a union house situated a mile out of town. The membership is small and scattered, but the audience

was large, many of them walking from town. The second night, after presenting the work of the S. S. C. E., we organized with fourteen members. Not having preaching each week they will hold their devotional meetings after the Sunday school when there is no preaching. Their collection amounted to \$4.62. Brother Whitehair is nobly taking up the work of the ministry; another of their young men we may probably see in the Bible class in the near future. May God bless these kind, earnest hearted people. Letters will reach me if sent to Maurertown, Va.

VIANNA DETWILER.

Terra Alta, W. Va.

Our Young People

Tiny Tokens

The memory of a kindly word
For long gone by,
The fragrance of a fading flower
Sent lovingly,
The gleaming of a sudden smile
Or sudden tear,
The warmer pressure of the hand,
The word of cheer,
The hush that means "I cannot speak,
But I have heard!"
The note that only bears a verse
From God's own word—
Such tiny things we hardly count
As ministry,
The givers deeming they have shown
Scant sympathy;
But when the heart is overwrought,
O, who can tell
The power of such tiny things
To make it well!

—Christian Work.

MISSIONS: TRUE PHILANTHROPY Galatians 6:10

Topic for July 28. (Consecration Meeting.)

One cannot read very far in any part of the New Testament without finding missionary teachings. The writers were those who had been with Jesus. They had caught his unselfish spirit and in turn could not but speak the glad tidings of the gospel which had so changed them. They gave not silver and gold to the world but they gave, what was infinitely better, themselves. True philanthropy involves the giving of one's self with the gift. That church only has the missionary spirit which sacrifices for others. "Bear ye one another's burdens." This is the spirit of the gospel. We cannot study the meaning of this injunction without being better Christians at home and better missionaries abroad.

SCRIPTURE HELP

I. Helping the Weak—Gal. 6:1.

This verse ought to be memorized by the whole church. How many when a member goes wrong at once begin to rail instead of helping to restore him! Are the heathen to be considered as our weaker brother? How can we help them?

II. Bearing Other's Burdens—Gal. 6:2.

Some things we are to do to help one another:

- (a) Pray, James 5:16.
- (b) Exhort, Heb. 3:13.
- (c) Love, I Pet. 1:22.
- (d) Comfort, I Thess. 4:18.
- (e) Teach, Col. 3:16.
- (f) Serve, Gal. 5:13.
- (g) Yield, to Eph. 5:21.

In what other ways can we help one another?